

MOTORCYCLISTS

Protect yourself and your motorcycle by:

- ✓ Getting properly trained and licensed.
- ✓ Wearing the appropriate safety gear.
- ✓ Riding sober.

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Nearly half of all crashes involve riders that do not have a motorcycle endorsement, a valid driver's license or both.

- Take a motorcycle safety course.
- Get your “CY” motorcycle endorsement on your license before you ride. It is the law.
- Choose a bike that is suited to your size, experience and skill level.

Wear the appropriate safety gear.

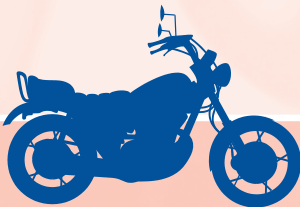
Most crashes happen on short trips of less than five miles or at speeds slower than 30 mph. The right gear can save your life. Make sure to choose:

- An approved helmet.
- Appropriate face or eye protection.
- Protective clothing, sturdy footwear and gloves – bright colors and reflective materials will increase your visibility.

Ride sober.

About 30 percent of all motorcycle fatalities involve alcohol or drugs.

- Riding sober is the best way to keep safe on the road. Alcohol and drugs – including certain prescription and over-the-counter medications – can adversely affect your driving.



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You'll enjoy the drive even more when you:

- ✓ Watch for motorcycles.
- ✓ Don't follow a motorcycle too closely.
- ✓ Share the road.

Watch for motorcycles.

Motorists are at fault in nearly two-thirds of all car-motorcycle crashes.

- Intersections are the #1 spot for crashes with motorcycles. Always look twice before proceeding.
- Left turns are a "danger zone." Look for approaching motorcycles when turning.
- Look twice when changing lanes. Double check your blind spots and signal before changing lanes.

Don't follow a motorcycle too closely.

Keep at least 3-to-4 seconds of time between you and a motorcycle.

- A motorcycle stops quicker than a car or truck. Tailgating a motorcycle is dangerous and illegal.
- Traffic, weather & road conditions may force motorcycles to react quickly.
- Road debris that doesn't affect you can topple a motorcycle. Gravel, oil, trash & other hazards can pose a special danger to motorcycles.

Share the road.

In Michigan, the ratio of licensed motorists to motorcyclists is about 13:1.

- Motorcyclists have the same rights as any other driver on the road.
- Motorcycles are legally entitled to a full lane.
- Be extra careful at night. A motorcycle is less visible due to its smaller size and single headlight.



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